

HOUSE No. 2244

By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition of James B. Eldridge for legislation to protect minors working in community theaters. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN COMMUNITY THEATERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 60 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—
4 In every community theater in the commonwealth where chil-
5 dren under the age of 18 participate or perform, there shall be a
6 designated adult, approved by the organization or members of the
7 board of directors of the theater, designated “mentor”, or in lieu of
8 such designee, the director of the play, who shall be responsible
9 for protecting the child from physical or emotional harm by any
10 adult participating in the community theater.